

EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK.

ROW IN THE POLICE BOARD.

Wrangle When the Commis-
sioners Meet to Rescind
Creeden's Suspension.

SUPT. BYRNES SENT FOR.

The Sound of Angry Voices
Heard Proceeding from the
Meeting-Room.

MURRAY HAS A STATEMENT.

He is Anxious to Have the Board's
Action Explained to
the Public.

The Police Commissioners held a
special meeting this morning to re-
scind the suspension of Police Captain
Creeden, who testified yesterday before
the Lexow Committee that he had
paid \$15,000 to secure his appointment.

After giving his testimony, the Com-
missioners assured Creeden that he would
be protected, but a few minutes later
Chairman Lexow was notified that the
Police Board had suspended the Captain.

The Commissioners and Supt. Byrnes
were immediately subpoenaed to appear
and explain their action.

President Martin said he did not know
the wishes of the Commission, otherwise
the Board would not have taken such
action.

He promised that the special meeting
would be called this morning and the
suspension revoked.

Supt. Byrnes was called into the con-
ference at 11:30. The Commissioners' vo-
ices could be heard out in the hall-
way, and it was evident that there
was a hot wrangle going on over some
matter in connection with the Creeden
case.

The Superintendent, it is believed, was
sent for to smooth matters over and to
give the Board the benefit of his advice
as to what action would be most feasible
and proper.

It is understood that one of the Com-
missioners had held a consultation with
Francis L. Wellman, special counsel to
the Board, either last night or this
morning and that the action upon the
question of rescinding the resolution of
suspension would be in accord with
Mr. Wellman's advice.

The Commissioners held a long secret
conference in Commissioner's Murray's
office before going into open meeting
and agreed upon what course to pursue,
and also what explanation to make,
if any, to the public of the hasty action
yesterday.

Commissioner Murray, it was said,
submitted a typewritten statement
which he wanted his contemporaries to
acquiesce and agree to give out to the
press. What conclusion was reached
does not appear, but it is likely that
Mr. Murray will give full expression
to his views on Capt. Creeden's testi-
mony and suspension later in the day.

Before the meeting Commissioner Mur-
ray said: "I was not present at the
Board meeting yesterday when Capt.
Creeden was suspended. Therefore I
cannot speak about the motives that
actuated the other Commissioners.

"Personally I have always been in favor
of helping the Lexow Committee all I
possibly could in their task of exposing
the corruption of the Police Department.
I think it is the duty of all the Com-
missioners to give the Committee every pos-
sible assistance.

"Inasmuch as the Commissioners will
meet at 11 o'clock, I do not care to an-
ticipate their action. I will act, how-
ever, in the manner I have suggested."

Commissioner Sheehan said: "I will
not anticipate the action of the meeting.
It will be an open one, and will not last
more than a couple of minutes."

The Commissioner intimated, however,
that Capt. Creeden would undoubtedly be
reinstated.

WIEGAND IN TEARS.

The Accused Sergeant Wants to
Vindicate Himself.

Emphatically Denies Having Raised
\$12,000 to Secure Promotion.

He Denounces Capt. Creeden for
Alleged Prevarication.

Sergt. Wiegand, who yesterday was
having raised \$12,000 to secure an ap-
pointment as police captain, demands
that he be given a chance by Mr. Goff
to vindicate himself before the public,
and declares that he will furnish every
facility to the Committee's counsel in
order that his career as a police captain
may be fully investigated.

During an interview with an "Evening
World" reporter this morning the ac-
cused Sergeant burst into tears, and
for several minutes sobbed like a child. He
firmly denied that he had ever
thought of raising any money to secure
an appointment as captain, and de-
clared that Capt. Creeden, whom he
thought was his friend, for having em-
ployed fraudulent means to beat him
in a competitive examination, and then
for having dragged his name into the
bribery matter.

The Sergeant declares that there is not
a word of truth in either the testimony
of Creeden or Reppenhagen in regard to
the beginning of his career. He also
says that it would have been an impos-
sibility for his friends to have raised the
\$12,000 without his knowledge.

To an "Evening World" reporter Ser-
geant Wiegand said: "I am thoroughly
broken down in body and spirit over this
thing, and feel the disgrace it has
brought upon my family keenly. Right
from the beginning I have been em-
phatically denying the testimony brought
out in regard to myself yesterday, and
shall demand that I be given a chance to
vindicate myself before the public. I not
only demand this, but will render Mr.
Goff or any body else, every assistance
in my power to enable them to investi-
gate my entire official career, and if
one act can be found that will go to
show that my record is not clear and
straight, then I will willingly resign my
position."

Why Capt. Creeden, whom I thought
my friend, should do this I do not un-
derstand. When I entered my applica-
tion for appointment as Captain, I had
not heard of his being promoted, and
the statement that I raised \$12,000
to secure the appointment is a base,
blatant falsehood.

"My every act in that competition was
above and above board, and according to
Capt. Creeden's testimony, he simply
paid \$12,000 to get my throat."

"I think that after twenty-six years
of service, in which I have been paid
two days' pay, and that when I
trouble there has been a chance to vi-
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Here Sergt. Wiegand wept bitterly.
He did not want to come to this pre-
sident, and was fearful that something
would occur, especially after all the
trouble there has been. He never
expected this. I do not know what
to do, but I feel sure that I will be
able to clear myself immediately. I
know my friends in the Ninth Precinct
do not believe all that has been said
about me, but of general public opinion
I do not know.

The Sergeant then gave out the fol-
lowing signed statement:

"During the time that I considered my-
self a candidate for promotion I was never
approached by any one, nor was it intimated
to me by any person, that it would be
necessary for me to make a contribution
of any kind, or value, for the benefit
of any person, party or fund, in order
to succeed in my candidacy.

"Furthermore, I do not know Reppenhagen,
Rankin and others mentioned in connection
with Capt. Creeden's promotion.

"I have known Commissioner Voorhis many
years, and believe him to be a man of sterling
integrity and unimpeachable honesty, and I
am even now unwilling to believe that he
ever received a cent, or was benefited by what
he did for the matter, who is enjoying
the comforts of his great kindness."

Sergeant Fourthward Precinct.

DIVVER NOT TO RESIGN.

The Justice Denies a Fresh Rumor
and Will Not Talk of Creeden.

Police Justice Patrick Divver, in the
Morrisonia Police Court, this morning
made another denial of the rumor that
he would resign his position from the
bench.

"It is true that you have decided to
resign," he was asked.
The Justice smiled sarcastically and
said:

"Some people know my business better
than I do. I never resign. I have I now,
any intention of resigning."

"Will you be ready to defend the
charges against you in Common Pleas
Court next Monday?"

JAPANESE BEAT A RETREAT.

Forced Back from Saitama by Su-
perior Numbers.

HIROSHIMA, Dec. 15.—A despatch
from Antong, dated Dec. 15, says that
Gen. Tachimi's troops were encamped
at Sokako, and were holding the Chi-
nese in check at Lien-Chau-Kwan.

On Dec. 12, the despatch adds, the
Chinese compelled an inferior Japanese
force to retire from Saitama; the Chi-
nese numbering 4,000 men. The latter
advanced on the following day, when
fighting occurred, the result of which
was not known, as the despatch was
sent.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The special cor-
respondent of The Times at Japanese
headquarters says that Japan has ar-
ranged a fully manned civil service,
down to the minutest detail, ready to
step in to administer North China, es-
pecially the treaty ports, at the first
sign of disorder or anarchy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The
steamer Gaelic, which sailed from To-
kio on Nov. 29, and arrived here yester-
day, brings advices which state that the
inquiry of the United States as to Japa-
nese willingness to accept a proffer of
assistance, is regarded rather as re-
tarding than accelerating the satisfac-
tory conclusion of the war. Neverthe-
less, the authorities at Tokio are not
altogether indisposed to allow the
avowal of China's submission to be
made through American diplomatic
agencies.

The need of more money is asserting
itself and the Minister of Finance has
called a war loan of \$50,000,000 yen.
The official announcement states the bonds
of the loan will be sold at 90 per cent.

THE TRAIL GROWS HOT.

will be for 100 yen each and 35 yen will
be the lowest price paid. The interest
will be 5 per cent. The indications are
now that no matter what response there
may be to this appeal no further efforts
will be made to raise funds exclusively
at home. The popular voice is still
clamorous against accepting aid from
abroad, but popular experience will not
stand long before the stress of money
necessity. The Government is certainly
looking forward to a foreign loan sooner
or later.

The report that arrangements have
been made for the flight of the Imperial
family from Peking in case of a Japanese
landing at Taku is so far confirmed
that it is accepted as trustworthy by
the Japanese authorities. Chang Chia
is said to be the chosen place of re-
treat. The best warships of the Nan
Yan squadron have been ordered to join
the naval force in the Gulf of Pechili,
and the officers and crew are in re-
volt, alleging that their service is only
due to the Viceroy of Liang Kiang, and
they will not fight the battles of Li
Hung Chang. The Central Government
is offering strong pecuniary persuasions
to secure their co-operation.

The latest report from China states
that the Emperor is at last prepared to
appeal directly to his victorious foe, and
will ask for an armistice while Prince
Kung and Li Hung Chang proceed to
Japan to make terms. This rumor is
not officially confirmed.

KURD OUTRAGES IN ARMENIA.

Story of the Sacking of Two Vil-
lages Reaches Athens.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—The Armenian re-
fugee to-day received information to the
effect that Bakri Parha, the Kurd Gov-
ernor of Van, went on Nov. 14 to the
district of Erzerk and laid the Arme-
nian villages of Bohakzesken and Hezare
in ruins. His troops also pillaged, com-
mitted excesses and then seized and
cruelly murdered 125 persons and im-
prisoned them at Van on the ground
that they were insurgents.

SEELY WANTS A REST.

The \$354,000 Defaulter Satiated
with Notoriety.

He Awaits a Visit from His Wife to
Ludlow Street.

Declines to Say Whether He Will
Plead Guilty.

The newest prisoner in Ludlow Street
Jail said this morning on awaking that
he had enjoyed the best night's sleep
in a month. And he looked it.

On the blotter of the jail the newest
prisoner is briefly described as Samuel
C. Seely, aged thirty-eight, bookkeeper;
married, and held in default of \$25,000
bail as a prisoner of the United States.

Seely is charged with helping Lawyer
Frederick Baker to steal \$55,000 from the
Shoe and Leather National Bank, where
for fourteen years he was a trusted
bookkeeper.

He ran away to Chicago after the dis-
covery of his thefts, and was captured
there. He was brought back last night
and landed in jail, and will probably re-
main there until his trial for false en-
tries and abstracting moneys from the
bank.

Seely has no money, and his friends
are not in a position to help him, and as
his trial is set for next week, he will
probably not be a free man for even a
brief period until he has paid the penalty
of his crime, which may be ten years.

Seely was in a cheerful mood to-day
in anticipation of a visit from his re-
latives. He said he hoped his wife, who
has been completely prostrated since the
discovery of her husband's crime, would
be well enough to pay him a visit. He
also expected his brother-in-law and his
cousin, Frank W. Angell, to visit him
to-day.

As soon as he was awakened, Seely
called for the morning newspaper, and
while he was waiting for the regular
prison breakfast, read the news of his
case, and referred all inquiries to
Lawyer Angell.

To one of the keepers Seely said he
was glad to return to New York, and
that he would soon be out of the
jail.

"Everybody has been talking about
me," he said, "and I am tired of it. I
want rest; I'm all run down."

When informed of the report that he
was a defaulter, Seely said:

"I don't know what I'll do."

DEBS ON WOODS'S DECISION.

Says It Constitutes Every Strike as a
Conspiracy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Debs said last
night, regarding Judge Woods's deci-
sion:

"I am a law abiding man, and I will
abide by the law as construed by the
Judges. But if Judge Woods's decision
is the law all labor organizations may
as well disband. According to him,
every strike is a conspiracy and unlaw-
ful. Even if our wages are reduced 50
per cent, and two or more of us decide
to quit rather than submit to the reduc-
tion, we are guilty of conspiracy. Of
course, he says, strikes are all right if
they are peaceful, but who can tell
when violence will follow a strike?"

In the strike last summer, every ef-
fort was made by the leaders to prevent
violence. We warned the men to re-
spect property rights, and to keep off
the right of way of the railway com-
panies. Judge Woods intimates that this
advice was given to the effect that it
would be the right of the strikers to
use violence. There is nothing in the evidence to support
this.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—William Ho-
gan, Secretary, was authorized by the
A. R. U. Judge of this city, last night,
to send the following telegram to E. V.
Debs: "This is the crowning point of
your life. The prison gates have no ter-
ror for you. You are the ideal of the
workmen of America."

BETRAYED BY HIS LETTERS.

Baker Alberts Believed to Be
the Burglar Who Stabbed
Mrs. Elmer Hile.

WROTE HER HE WAS SORRY.

Admired Her Courage and Would
Return the Plunder for a
Small Sum.

SUSPECTED OF MANY THEFTS.

Valuable Plunder Found Locked in
the Coal Bin of His House
in Jersey City.

Here is a strange story of burglary
and infatuation that reads like a ro-
mance of Jack Sheppard's day. It re-
veals a curious mixture of daring and
meanness, of chivalry and prosaic cau-
tion, and goes far to prove that last
century methods of robbery do not work
well with the everyday police.

Albert Alberts, a baker, of 48 Ege
avenue, Jersey City, now a prisoner in
the Tombs, under the name of John
Doe, is believed to be the man who, for
the past four months, has perpetrated a
number of burglaries on Jersey City
Highways.

Moreover, he is accused of being
the assailant of Mrs. Elmer Hile, of
Union avenue, in the same city. She
was stabbed in the leg on Sept. 20,
while struggling with a burglar in the
darkness.

Alberts was arrested on Dec. 5 by
Policeman Shay, of the East One Hun-
dred and Fourth street station, on the
charge of having stolen a clock from a
house on Second avenue.

In order to present the facts clearly,
it is necessary to go back to the time
of the assault upon Mrs. Hile.

Stabbing of Mrs. Hile.

On the morning of Sept. 20, the home
of Elmer Hile, at No. 130 Union street,
was entered by a burglar. Mrs. Hile,
awakened from her sleep by a noise
in her room, arose to light the gas.

As she made her way around the foot
of the bed she ran into a man who
was crouching near the footboard. He
seized her by the throat and hissed in
her ear, "Scream and I'll kill you."

Mrs. Hile screamed, and as she did
so, the intruder plunged the blade of
a dagger into her leg. Again she
screamed. Her husband was in bed,
and he never heard the struggle.

Mrs. Hile called for help, but was
faint from the loss of blood she be-
came unconscious. The burglar made
good his escape, notwithstanding the
fact that there were twenty policemen
within two blocks of the scene.

The Assailant Writes to Her.

On the morning of Sept. 26, Mrs. Hile
was surprised to receive the following
letter by mail:

Dear Mrs. Hile, 128 Union street, Jersey City:
You are a brave little woman. I admire you,
but your husband is a big cur. He was not
drunk, but he was afraid. If I had known
that he had no courage I would not have cut
you. I did not want to harm you, dear lady. I cut
you low down. I wanted to scare you. I would
not steal, but my family is very hungry, and I
had to have some money. My friend is a bad
man, but if "Mother of God" helps me I shall
no more. Here is a paper. It may be valuable
to you. I enclosed in this note. I would send
you the silver, but we wanted it. If we told you
where it is or where we wanted it you would
catch us. If I get enough money I will take
it out and send it to you. It costs \$25 to get it.
We have also got your bank book and if you
know how to fit it you can get everything we
need, except your husband's pants, which we
threw away. If you want me to help you, put
it in a New York newspaper or Jersey City Jour-
nal. (Signed) SORRY, but a good friend.

Chief Murphy Consulted.

This letter was shown to Chief Mur-
phy, and he inserted the following ad-
vertisement in the papers mentioned:
BROKER, BUY GOOD FRIENDS—AM. 1st 1st 1st 1st
leave my bell, but will soon be well. Thanks
for sympathy. Presents taken more prized than
money. Matters can be arranged to suit you by
me. (Continued on Second Page.)

CONDUCTOR IN PERIL.

Two Refractory Passengers Drew a
Revolver on Him.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 15.—Conductor Her-
bert Johnson, of New York, narrowly
escaped being killed in an altercation
over a refusal to pay fare on the North-
western limited train on the New York
Central Railroad, between Kirkville and
Manlius, last night by two refractory
passengers. The conductor seized a re-
volver pointed at him, and with the as-
sistance of his brakeman, put both men
under arrest.

Between Manlius and De Witt, a few
miles further west, the man who at-
tempted to shoot the conductor leaped
from the train, which was running at
the rate of sixty miles an hour. He was
picked up and brought to St. Joseph's
Hospital, in this city. He cannot live.
The second one claims to be Fred Allen,
of Brooklyn. He said his companion's
name is Felton, of Utica. The police be-
lieve the men are crooks.

LO! WARRIORS SWELL.

Fight of Hamilton Fish, the Sec-
ond, and Robert Graeme.

They Thought They Were Thrashing
an Army of Twenty-five.

It All Happened in Front of the
Waldorf Last Night.

Hamilton Fish "the second," broad,
tall and athletic, was in Jefferson Mar-
ket Court this morning, before Justice
Voorhis. He was called "second" to dis-
tinguish him from his uncle, Assembly-
man Hamilton Fish. His distinguish-
ing mark this morning, however, was
his bruised eye. His "man" had neg-
lected to remove from his clothing the
stains of battle, and the young man
looked very much as though he had
spent the night in a cell. As a matter
of fact, he was bailed out early.

With Mr. Fish was his friend, Mr.
Robert D. Graeme, a studious young
man who looked at the Judge through a
pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses. His
countenance bore no mark of the scrim-
mage he had been in, although the ath-
letic Mr. Fish had a souvenir in the
shape of a salmon-colored "mouse" un-
der the left eye. Incidentally it may
be mentioned that he did most of his gazing
from the right eye.

Both young men were in charge of
Schuyler West, the hotel detective of the
Waldorf. West looked as immaculate
in court this morning as a club man,
and if he looked half as well last night
the young men are not to be blamed for
mistaking him for a private citizen and
trying to make a punching bag of him.

The first case before the Judge was
that of a colored girl who had been ar-
rested for fighting. Fish and his friend,
who stood by her, looked at her with
interest, and even went so far as to
say something that must have been
flattering.

When their case was called Detective
West told the Justice that last night
he had been scuffling at the side entrance
of the Waldorf, and when he went out
to investigate he found that Fish and
Graeme were engaged in a fight. He
jumped in to help, and the result was
that he arrested both men on the complaint
of a cabman who was lying on his back
in the gutter and bleeding at the nose.

Mr. West's story was rather a hazy,
disconnected affair. He put in Fish
disconnectedly at the station house, and
took them to the station house, and so they
went out of court laughing at what seemed
to them to be a very good joke indeed.

"Well, there seemed to be at least
two of them," put in the loyal Graeme.
"Nobody offered to press any charge
against the two young men, so they went
out of court laughing at what seemed
to them to be a very good joke indeed."

Hamilton Fish lives at 52 Irving place
with his father, Nicholas Fish. His
grandfather was the late Hamilton Fish.

TWO VICTIMS OF GAS.

Husband and Wife Found Dead in
Their Bed This Morning.

John Hall, former stage-manager for
Leonard Grover, and his wife, Mary, a
character actress, both twenty-five years
old, were found dead in bed at 639
West Twenty-ninth street. They were
asphyxiated by gas.

Coroner Cuff held an inquest this morn-
ing, and a verdict of accidental death
was given.

The gas-burner in Hall's room had two
keys side by side, one for the light and
one for a gas-stop. In turning off the
light last night, Hall accidentally turned
on the key for the stove.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Milkman Had Been Bitten in a
Battle with a Cat.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Albert Lutz, a
dayman, residing on Eading road, died
last night of hydrophobia resulting from
a battle with an enormous cat. His
agonies prior to the end are indescrib-
able. Two months ago Lutz encountered
a famished cat of unusual size in his
barn lot and attempted to drive it away.
The animal, which began to growl, at-
tacked Lutz's teeth in his left calf, lacerating
it badly. Lutz finally killed the creature.
The wounds were cauterized and no ill-
effects manifested until Saturday last,
when the left leg began swelling up. In
his dying struggles the dayman howled
and yowled like a cat, and attempted to
bite and claw those about him.

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SUGAR SELLS LOWER.

General Decline in Prices Marks
Early Trading.

The week closed with a comparatively
quiet condition of affairs at the Stock
Exchange and in financial circles gener-
ally. About the only feature of stock
speculation this morning was Sugar,
which declined 1-2 to 7-8, under a
moderate pressure to sell.

Chicago wheat advanced 1/2 to 70-74, on
rumors that the company has a floating
debt of \$1,000,000 or more. Office busy
with the purchase of sugar, and state
further that the dividend will be paid
when due.

Baltimore & Ohio declined 3-4 to 64;
Canada Southern 1-4 to 51; Rock Island
7-8 to 31-32; Consolidated Gas 7-8